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[54] LACTOFERRIN AS A DIETARY  
INGREDIENT PROMOTING THE GROWTH  
OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

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[57] ABSTRACT

Disclosed is milk lactoferrin as a dietary ingredient which promotes growth of the gastrointestinal tract of human infants and newborn nonhuman animals immediately on birth when added to an infant formula or given separately as a dietary supplement thus reducing chronic diarrhea, assisting in the management of short gut syndrome, and avoiding, at least to some extent, chronic intractable diarrhea of the infant.

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